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NEW GOODS!

I have now opened out my stock of FALL AND WINTER GOODS, including

TWEEDS, OVERCOATINGS & DIAGONALS

Which, having bought before the recent advance in prices, I am enabled to offer at exceptionally low prices.

Suits and Overcoats

Made to order in the latest and best style, under the superintendence of Mr. J. S. Murray. Style and fit guaranteed.

MY STOCK OF Dress Goods, Cottons, Flannels, Cottonades & Shirtings

Is large and complete. My stock of Groceries, Boots & Shoes, Hardware, Etc., is complete, and marked at prices to suit the times.

I have also a good assortment of FUR CAPS and LADIES JACKETS, which I will sell cheap for cash. Call and see them.

CHAS. CRAIGIE.

N. B.—All overdue accounts and notes must be paid immediately.

Selling out at Cost.

Not having found a suitable purchaser for my Stock, I have decided to close it out to my customers at Cost for Cash. Intending purchasers will do well to avail themselves of this opportunity to get goods at

WHOLESALE PRICES

Stock Complete, and a fine lot of 'Xmas Goods to be Sacrificed.

Call early and secure bargains. All notes and accounts must be paid at once.

M. G. VANDERVOORT, Harold

THE APARIL MARMORA

Look out for new advertisement in this space next week.

Special lines bought for the Christmas trade being received daily, to be sold at prices that defy competition.

J. W. PEARCE.

HARDWARE Boots & Shoes!

Full line Shelf Goods, Boiled and Raw Oils, Machine and Harness Oils, Coal and Castor Oils, Varnishes, Paints, Glass and Putty, Stoves, Tinware, Sash and Doors.

ALL VERY LOW FOR CASH.

A. J. HIPPERSON. "Arcade Block."

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY. Train of Coal, Oil, Lumber, and other goods, leaving for Montreal, 12.45 p.m. For Montreal, 12.45 p.m. For Montreal, 12.45 p.m.

Over the pains and sufferings of Rheumatism is sure to follow the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. "Two years ago I was prostrated with Rheumatism. I used a number of remedies, and received no benefit until I commenced taking

Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

sarsaparilla, four bottles of which effected a permanent cure."—Charles Foster, 201 Prince St., Boston, Mass.

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

A Terrible Railway Accident.

THIRDS, Jan. 4. At 2 o'clock this morning the west-bound train, known as the Erie Express, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, collided with a freight train west of the city, and nine miles from this city. The Express did not stop at Republic and it is supposed to have been running at a speed of not less than thirty miles an hour. The freight, eastward bound, had expected to make a siding at Republic and was probably running twenty miles per hour. The collision caused a terrible scene, and a large number of passengers were killed and injured.

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"You sot heah in a blaze of glory caused by sebeten kerosene lamps alight. Why does de lle burn? What causes de wicks to take up de lle? What am de occashun fur a chimney on a lamp? Why doan dese lamps cause darkness instead of lightness? Deso thoughts he neber occurred to you. You see a stone roll down hill instead of up, but you nebbas ask yerselves why dis am so. If it rolled up you'd be just as well satisfied."

"Samuel shin has jist lowered an alley winder. What fur? De room am too hot, an' experience teaches him dat de warm air w ill rush out. What makes it? He can't tell you. Samuel knows dat de warm air goes to de top of de room, but why it does he has nebber stopped to think. Natural philosophy am a subject dat kin be studied wid pleasure an' profit, an' I hope dat he

ASTRONOMY.

think that astronomy has sunthin to do wid railroads an' steamboats, but sich am not de case. We hev it wid us as we walk around by day, an' it nebber runs away when we lay down at night. Astronomy am de sky moon, sun, stars, an' sich. Dar was a time when nobody knowed dat dis world revolved around. Everybody s'posed it was a great big hunk of sunthin' dumped down like a rock in a mudhole. It was a long time be-

anybody knowed dat de world had an axis
to revolve on. A good many folks felt so
fur it, an' most ebrybody would her chipped
in to buy an axis an' present it to her. I
was a good while arter dat befo' any one dis-
covered dat de world moved around de sun.
Dey saw de sun riz in de east an' sot in de
west, an' dey 'lowed dat it moved.
“De study of astronomy am sunthin' de-
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de cull d' man ober be at day an' night,
 I am like sweet buttermilk—you can't git to
 much of it. When you has come to know
 dat de moon am inhabited by a race of peo-
 ple 'leven feet high an' hevin' three eyes—
 dat de smallest star am as big as de City
 Hall—dat each eand of a rainbow rests on
 gold mine—when you come to git astron-
 right down to whar' you kin pick out Ma-
 an, Saturn an' Goliath an' Sampson an' Lu-

Wife, you won't keer two cents whether your art is paid or not.

"I hev wid me a few pamphlets on a subject of astronomy, an' arter de meeting adjourns de same can be had of me at twenty-five cents each—no trust."

The meeting then adjourned to give the visitors opportunity to make personal acquaintances, and when our reporter withdrew

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

"Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;

Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
 "Ring out the old, ring in the new,
 Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
 The year is going, let him go;
 Ring out the false, ring in the true."
 —*In Memoriam*.

Thus do we greet the, Janus, two-headed
 god of the Romans, deity who presides over
 open doors, standing, as thou dost, on the

threshold of the New Year, with a face
regret for the past clouded by the touch-
sadness of a parting, sent with the sun-
of hope irradiating the countenance of the
other and brighter self.

Ever thus it is, as the scythe of time
sweeps the full heads of ripened grain in
the storehouse of our lives; thus do we
pause and sigh, as we reckon up the re-
of the year, and as we turn the page of the

"But tho' his eyes are waxing dim,
And tho' his toes speak ill of him,
He was a friend to me.
Old year, you shall not die.

But the chasm between the old year and the new is bridged by the flashing rainbows of expectancy and hope, over which spirits travel from the past, which is over forever, into that mystic country of the future.

The observance of the New Year day

far back into historic times. China, the oldest child of civilization, presses to the front with her "flowery kingdom" and almond-eyed people. Egypt follows, under the shadow of her pyramids, with the genius of Thoth, the genius of the New Year, over the season of which, the rising of Sirius, the dog-star, cast its regulating beams; while the Persian exchanges his *see-ruc* or p

The martial Roman, casting aside sword and armor, arrayed himself in snow-white on the first day of the New Year, and in joyful procession hied to the temple amid clouds of incense and flaming altars, a peace and happiness cast their perfect glow over all the land. Later on, visiting Rome, came the order of the day, and grotesque

Strenu, for luck, were exchanged, and the vast possessions, over which watch eagles of Rome, were given over to peace and good-will toward all mankind. The Christian folk, forbidden to join in any of the pagan observances, spent their time in acts of charity, meditation, and prayer.

About the fifth century, when the 25th December became acknowledged as the festival of the Nativity, New Year's day was recognized as the commemoration of the circumcision, and solemnly kept as such in the various branches of the Eastern and Western Churches; but it was not until the sixteenth century that the first day of January was universally accepted as

Grotesque customs seem to have been t

order of the day in the olden times, and still keep their hold upon the present century, the ancient custom of watching the year out and the new one in still exists, and touchingly appropriate does it seem to old and dear friends, who have stood side by side through good and evil, trials and happiness, should pass into the new order things hand in hand. In the old town Coventry, England, on New Year's Day

there sounds through the quaint streets the call of "God-cakes for the New Year," as young and old crowd to eat of the triangular little God-cakes, filled with a sort of mince-meat, and costing about a halfpenny apiece.

In more modern times, among the French the observance of the New Year's Day is the great holiday of the year, and celebra-

ed much in the same way as the
and Canadians keep Christmas, by inter-
change of good wishes, presents, and holi-
days, reunions of families, and visitings
among friends. Indeed, over all the world
seems to hover the white wings of the Spirit
of Peace and Hope, and the happy face of
the whole world is uplifted to an equally happy
heaven above.

A remarkable illustration of the penetrating power of science is supplied by the fact that Seoul, the capital of Corea, is now in telegraphic communication with Peking and the rest of the world. Six years ago an European who ventured to visit Corea did so at the risk of his life, all such intercourse with the outer barbaric world being prohibited. Now, as *Nature* says, "a merchant

in London might telegraph direct to the
Hermit Kingdom.
